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1. The Soviets have established an office at Weissensee, near Berlin, at which about 600 German technicians are employed. The function of this office is the development of high tension transmission apparatus at 400 Kv. for future use in the USSR.
2. There are two rival departments engaged in research work at the Weissensee office. The first is for alternating current. It is headed by Zinisch, the General Manager of the Märkische Elektrizitätswerke, who was the head of research work on energy transmission under Speer during the war. The other department is for direct current transmission. It is headed by Dr. von Grohne. Both men, as well as many of the technicians employed at the office, were members of the Nazi Party.
3. The SED recently approached the Russians in connection with their employment of Nazis at Weissensee and the Russians agreed to discharge them. As a result, all the charwomen and cleaners and minor technicians who had been Nazis were dismissed, but all useful specialists, including the above two, were demobilized en bloc within four days.

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